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For (Title): INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION METHOD,
AND COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTING THE METHOD

By (Inventors): Tatsuya CHINO, Hiroshi MATSUMOTO

- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-7; 7 sheets) are attached.
 - ☐ Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
- ☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- ☒ This patent application is assigned to SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION.
 - ☐ The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- ☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____--
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2000-199364 filed June 30, 2000 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
 - ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
- ☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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x 9 =	\$
x 40 =	\$
+ 135 =	\$
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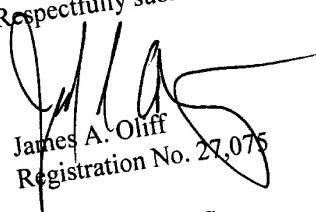
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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1 and 2 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 3. WO 97/47095 corresponds to JP A 11-514178.

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	3	WO 97/47095	12/11/1997	WIPO			
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